

# CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF TELEMATIC SERVICES FOR DATA ANALYSIS IN TECHNOLOGY AREA. APPLICATION TO E-HEALTH FIELD.

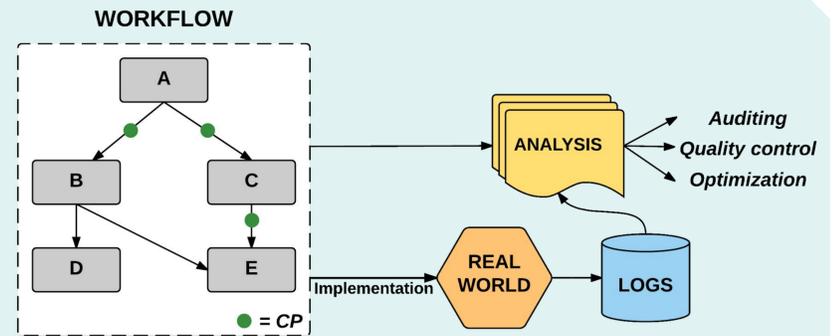
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## MOTIVATION

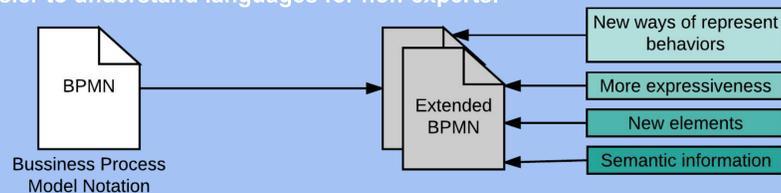
- In some contexts, such as health, process monitoring is very important. It is necessary to control, check and verify the implementation of workflows in actual scenarios.
- Currently, ICT-based implementations and analysis techniques are gaining momentum providing a large set of advantages in auditing, quality control and optimization of procedures.
- Process Mining techniques are in continuous growing. It is a relatively young discipline and a lot of researches and futures lines are open. This PhD research tackles some shortcomings identified:
  - Some techniques are thought for workflows in which all the activities are monitored. What happens with no-monitored activities?
  - Limited expressiveness of modeling languages. There is information that it is not represented in a machine interpretable format (therefore it can not be used in analysis).
  - It is necessary to improve the detection, prediction and recommendation of different behaviors.
  - Usability and understandability of these techniques are only reserved to experts.
  - Combining Process Mining with other types of analysis is desirable.



## THESIS OBJECTIVES

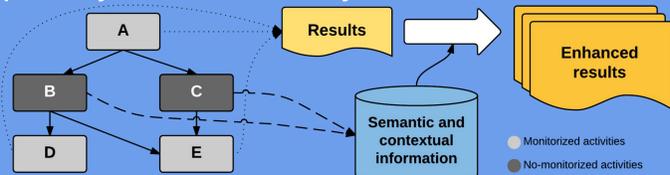
About modeling languages:

- Extension of current modeling languages for improving its expressiveness.
- Expressivity about behaviors and information about the context. Using current standards, only support for some pieces of information in natural language is possible.
- The workflow language must take into account all kinds of information available.
- Easier to understand languages for non-experts.



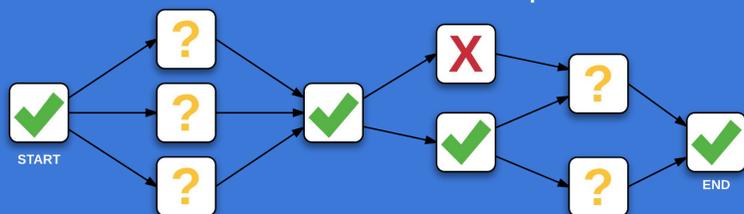
About adherence to protocols:

- Improve current conformance checking techniques by taking into account:
  - No-monitored activities.
  - New semantic and context information provided by languages proposed.
- Automatic tools for evaluating protocol effectiveness (e.g. simplicity)
- More expressivity and understandability for humans users.



About new types of analysis and results:

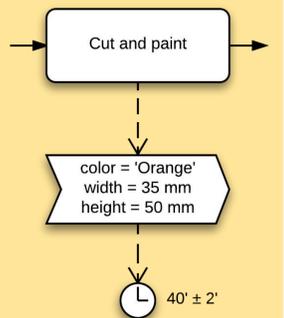
- Detection, recommendation and prediction of different behaviors (e.g. prediction of products' end state) by combination of process mining with ML and DM techniques.
- Analysis of "probability of taked paths" for no-monitored activities using semantic information about the context and state of products.



## RESULTS & DISCUSSION

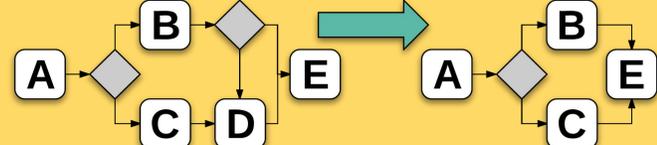
Two research papers (one presented at WORLDCIST'16 conference, one sent to Science to Computer Programming Journal [indexed in JCR]):

- Different elements for extending BPMN language are proposed. The goal is to improve the expressiveness adding new ways of represent new types of information.
- Gives the possibility of express semantic knowledge about activities, behaviors and the application context in a machine understandable fashion.
- Software for the ProM framework in order to integrate the BPMN extension in current Process Mining techniques is proposed as plugins.
- Gives an outlook about feasible improvement of current techniques. Discuss some future interesting guidelines.



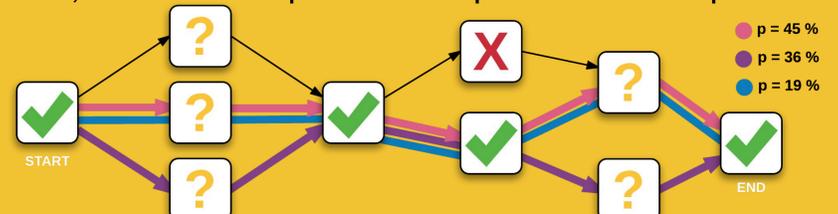
Two research papers (one presented at CISTI'15 conference, one sent to Journal of Visual Languages and Computing [indexed in JCR]):

- The first gives a theoretical perspective on objectives exposed in this PhD. A first impression of different architectures, automatic tools and models are discussed.
- The second describes a pattern based method for simplifying a BPMN process model. A two-phase iterative algorithm to achieve an optimized version of a BPMN model is discussed, validated and implemented as a ProM plugin.



Currently working on a research work about "probability of taked paths":

- Applicable on workflows mixing monitored and no-monitored activities.
- At first, it is not possible to know the path taken by a product (different possibilities)
- It is used semantic information about the model given by the BPMN extension proposed and previous measured experiences in the workflow of interest.
- Combine PM, DM and ML techniques to establish probabilities of taked paths.



## RESEARCH PLAN

First steps in the research:  
 → Motivation and objectives  
 → Informal courses  
 → Communications  
 → Initial review of the state of the art

Review of state of the art

Review modeling languages

Extension of modeling languages

Design, develop & test architecture

Develop and validate final system

Writing and defending the PhD work

Disseminate partial and final results

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## NEXT YEAR PLANNING

- Developing of models, architectures and plugins using the preliminary results.
- Proof-of-concept studies in **real health scenarios** using the works and research proposed
  - Application of the researches to health scenarios.
  - Validation of different architectures, models, algorithms and techniques proposed.
  - Will be conducted in the frame of the PIS project (Instituto de salud Carlos III)
- Disseminating final results and discussions about research in international journals.
- Analysis of all works and researches performed and elaborate final conclusions.
- Writing and defending the PhD work.



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